THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN

ACCURACY AND RAPIDITY OF FIRE

ESSENTIAL TO VICTORY.

Old Ideas as to a Ship's Guns and

What Constituted a Sailor Die

Hard in the English Navy.

Rear Admiral S. Eardley-Wilmot, in Lon-

Though the principal object of a battle-

ship or cruiser is not only to carry guns

but also to use them efficiently when re-

quired, it is curious that this has not in

the past received full recognition, at any

doubt, in "Notes on Naval Progress for

1901," issued by the Naval Intelligence Bu-

shooting is now regarded as of paramount

importance by every nation which posses-

ses warships. Naval battles are decided by

the accuracy and rapidity of firing more

the navigating officer-one of the old school

-at my bringing our cutter in first at a

sailing regatta. He did not think that any

gunnery Jack could be a sailor in the sense

of a knowledge of masts and sails. Wheth-

Nelson I do not know, but gather there was

some reason for the memorandum issued

he took command in 1795: "He had ob-

served that in all warfare where artillery

that, of all exercises, those that seemed the

of our ships much improved. It was in ra-

pidity of fire that our seamen excelled, due

When ships engaged at pistol shot, or

range became of minor importance. Every

shot told, and as one of the French naval

historians has recorded that their best-

served guns only fired one round every

three minutes to the English one per min-

ute, we can realize the effect of half an

hour's cannonading in those days. Unfortu-

nately, when no longer under the eye of a

man like Jervis, captains relapsed into their

old attitude of indifference to gunnery, so

ter trained enemy on the other side of the

Atlantic in 1812 we lost several single ship

NAVAL MARKSMANSHIP.

In his history of that war Theodore

Roosevelt says: "A continuous course of

victory won mainly by seamanship had

made the English sailor overwhelmingly

self-confident, and caused him to pay little

did so once in a year. Many captains never

put a shot in a gun until the enemy ap-

peared; they employed the leisure time of

the men in handling the sails and decorat-

ing the ship." A notable exception was the

Shannon. Sights were fitted to her guns,

and the crews exercised at them every day.

They also frequently fired at a target. The

reward was reaped when they met the

Chesapeake. These smooth-bore iron guns,

with their wooden carriages, were most

other for half the day without inflicting

material damage. And seeing what ad-

ships still armed with these weapons. For

gun which velocity of projectile demanded

velocity varied from 1,300 feet to 1,500 feet

per second. We thought highly of the 38ton gun, because, with only three tons

more metal than in the 35-ton gun and half an inch larger bore, we obtained a velocity

of 1,560 feet per second, the length of bore

being nearly 16 calibres. We are so fond of

this gun that it is still retained in the

THE BREECH-LOADERS.

As the first breech-loader adopted in 1880

had a velocity of 1,800 feet and was over 25

calibres long, while we have now reached

a 50-calibre gun with a velocity of 3,000 feet

per second, we can realize how that unfor-

tunate decision of 1864 long kept us back in

naval artillery. The guns were little better

than howitzers, requiring great elevation

at distances of 2,000 yards and upward, and

consequently unlikely to hit a moving ob-

ject at sea. With a muzzle velocity of 1,000

yards per second there is the immense ad-

vantage of a trajectory so flat that, with-

in a certain range, elevation above the hori-

zontal is not required where the target is

ings are free from the causes of inaccuracy

the hull of a ship. Then the present mount-

he freely moved in a horizontal and vertical

lirection, while the sighting apparatus en-

ables it to be laid true. Quick loading has

been furthered in several ways, so that

now rapid and straight shooting at sea de-

nend mainly upon the efficiency of the gun's

crew. If this was perfect every shot at tar-

get practice should be a hit. That we find

great variation in the returns from the dif-

misses, indicates that the training is far

from perfect, and it would almost seem as

tached to this subject generally in the

leet. Take, for instance, the result of prize

firing in the Mediterranean fleet for 1899.

The points per gun made by the battleships

varied from 52 to 13, while one cruiser

made 78 points per gun. Some of these ves-

sels had more modern armament than oth-

ers, but still such a difference should not

be observed in shooting at the service tar-

get at the comparatively short range pre-

scribed. As showing, on the other hand,

what may be done by careful training, the

if sufficient importance is even now not at-

Dreadnought, Ajax and Agamemnon.

it prevented us giving that length to the

that on meeting an equally brave and bet-

to their physical strength and activity.

was equally strong in the time of

### SAY THE STRIKE IS OVER

RAILWAY OFFICIALS AT PITTSBURG CLAIM A VICTORY.

Allegheny Valley the Only Road That Is Embarrassed-Federation of Labor to Meet This Week.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 30 .- Railroad officials of all the roads affected by the strike, except the Allegheny Valley, report tonight that the strike is over. The Valley officials say the worst is over and by Monday or Tuesday their road will be in normal condition.

the companies find themselves confronted with the worst condition of freight handling in the history of the city. Mills along | cause. He retired in 1880. the Monongahela river are working night and day at an unusually high pressure and connecting roads find it impossible to supply cars to the big plants fast enough to get the manufactured products away. It is said that in the yards of the Homestead mill 26,000 tons of plates are stored, with little room left. If relief does not come soon it is feared the works will have to shut down. The ten-inch mill suspended today and the twenty-eight-inch mill is likely to follow soon. The Carrie furnaces at Braddock will have to go out for a time, it is feared, and the Edgar Thomson steel works are almost as badly handicapped. Manufacturers and merchants throughout let to his death. After the war he was this entire district are being made to suffer severely by the lack of means for trans- grandson of Alexander Hamilton.

Among the striking switchmen on the Allegheny Valley Railroad there was rumor current to-day to the effect that the company was willing to compromise on an additional cent per hour and that negotiaject in view. The rumor, however, could

### FEDERATION OF LABOR.

#### Proceedings of the Coming Conven-

tion Promise to Be Lively. SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 30.—Delegates to the twenty-first annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which opens here next Thursday, began to arrive toboard will arrive on Monday. There will be three hundred delegates and as many the noted labor leaders. The Chinese exclusion act, the dispute between the mine | He returned to Buffalo in 1879. workers, and the stationary firemen and engineers over the matter of jurisdiction over mine firemen and engineers, and the controversy between President Schaffer, of the steel workers on the one hand, and President Gompers, of the Federation, and President Mitchell, of the Mine Workers, over the big steel strike on the other, will be the principal subjects of discussion.

#### Mine Workers' Leader Arrested.

MADISONVILLE, Ky., Nov. 30 .- Christopher Columbus Barnaby, vice president of the Twenty-third district, United Mine Workers of America, was arrested here this morning on a warrant charging him with confederating and banding together with others for the unlawful intimidation of nonunion miners. Barnaby's bond was fixed at \$500, which he gave.

There are no new developments about the union camp at Nortonville. All has been quiet there since the re-establishment. No complaints have been made by the neighbors and passing public William Blakeley, national organizer, was arrested to-night charged with intimi-

#### No Loitering or Picketing.

ZANESVILLE, O., Nov. 30 .-- In the Common Pleas Court here to-day Judge A. A. Frazier granted a temporary injunction to the Brown Manufacturing Company restraining about one hundred strikers who are named, "and others who are unknown to plaintiff," from loitering about the factory, from picketing or patrolling; from gathering at the approaches to the factory and from "in any manner interfering with the employes of the company." The strike was caused by a refusal to recognize the unions and has been pending several weeks. About three hundred employes are at work

### Strong Labor Combination.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30 .- The International Photo-engravers' Union of North America, day the formation of an offensive and defensive alliance with the Electrotypers' Union. The affiliation with the electrotypers is considered the most important step taken by the union in years and will affect workers, it is said, in every city in the country. The work of the body probably will be completed by Monday.

### Street-Railway Men May Strike.

DETROIT, Nov. 30 .- Regin Orr, of this city, national treasurer of the Amalgamated Association of Street-railway Employes, who returned to-day from the East, says a strike of street-railway employes in Philadelphia is imminent. The men want 20 cents per hour and a ten-hour day.

### CHEERS FOR THE "OULD DART."

#### Great Enthusiasm at the Irish Envoys' Meeting in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 30.-Cheers for United Ireland and cheers for the United Irish League rang through Old City Hall tonight at the meeting in the interest of selfgovernment for the Emerald Isle, held of Hibernians. The hall was filled with a Dec. 30. under the auspices of the Ancient Order crowd of 2,500 enthusiastic Irish-Americans. who listened intently to the Irish members of the English Parliament who pleaded Ireland's cause. The story of an awakened race was told in varying phrases by the

leaders of the united Irish people, John E. Redmond and his colleagues, Patrick A. McHugh and Thomas O'Donnell. When the speechmaking had ended resolutions were passed congratulating the Irish envoys and Irish Parliamentary party on their success in having passed several measures pledging the United Irish League moral and material support; indorsing the movement for the restoration of the Gaelic tongue: renewing pledges of support and sympathy for the Boers and calling on the United States to intervene in the South African war in the name of civilization and humanity.

### J. N. HILL SUCCEEDS CLOUGH.

### Becomes First Vice President of the

Great Northern Railway.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 30.-The Dispatch to-day publishes an item confirming the report that W. P. Clough has resigned as first vice president of the Great Northern Railway and that J. N. Hill will succeed him. Colonel Clough will live in New York and will manage the affairs of the Northern Pacific Securities Company as the representative of J. J. Hill. J. N. Hill refused to discuss the report, but it was confirmed from other sources.

#### Many Hours' Time Saved.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 .- The Lake Shore limited train bringing the Australian transcontinental mail arrived here on time today and the mail was transferred to the steamship Campania. This is the third time that mails from Australia destined for England have been transported by means of the new Pacific mail service, and as on the previous occasions, connection was made with the transatiantic steamers in time to save many hours as compared with the Suez canal route. There were 432 pouches in to-day's consignment.

### B. & O. Securities Purchased.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.-Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Speyer & Co. have jointly purchased from the Baltimore & Chio Railroad Company \$20,000,000 4 per cent Baltimore & Ohio-Pittsburg, Lake Erie & West Virginia Jewelry, 28 Monument Place.

system refunding bonds, part of a total issue of \$75,000,000 maturing in 1925, and they have also agreed to take several million dollars of a new issue of common stock which has been offered to the shareholders for subscription.

#### FENIAN LEADER DEAD.

Thomas Clarke Luby, Who Served Five Years in a British Prison.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 .- Thomas Clarke Luby is dead of paralysis at the home of his son James in Jersey City. Mr. Luby, who was born in Dublin in 1822 and was a Trinity College man, became a leader in the Fenian movement. In 1864 he was appointed by James Stephens a member of the executive council of the brotherhood and the same year became managing editor of the Irish People in Dublin. The paper was seized by the government and Mr. Luby served five years of a twenty-year term. He was pardoned in 1879 on condition While the strike is practicaly disposed of, | that he remain out of the country for the succeeding fifteen years. After this he made his home in this country and lectured from Maine to California for the Irish

#### Judge Charles Alexander Hamilton. DAYTONA, Fla., Nov. 30.-Judge Charles Alexander Hamilton, of Milwaukee, Wis.

died at his winter home in this city yesterday afternoon. Judge Hamilton was born in 1826, in New York, in a house belonging to the Hamilton family. He was educated partly in England and Germany. When he was twenty years of age he went to Milwaukee, where he was admitted to the bar when about twenty-one years of age. He practiced law until 1861, when he entered the army

and was mustered out as a colonel. He

M. K. Scott, Who Fought with Lopez. PADUCAH, Ky., Nov. 30 .- M. K. Scott, aged sixty-nine, a prominent hardware mertions would likely be begun with this ob- | chant, died here to-day from liver complaint, after a long illness. He was born in Ohio, but came here in 1858. In 1852 he joined the Cuban army at New Orlenas under General Lopez and later was made a prisoner by the Spanish and sentenced to ten years in the quicksilver mines in Africa, but upon reaching Spain was pardoned

#### and turned over to the American consul. Other Deaths.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 30.-Gen. Albert W. Bishop was found dead to-day at the home of George J. Dixon, where he boarded. He was born in Alden, Erie county, in General Bishop served in the civil In 1864 he became adjutant general of Arkansas at the proclamation of Presimore visitors in attendance, including all dent Lincoln. In 1876 he was the Republican candidate for Governor of Arkansas.

READING, Pa., Nov. 29. - Dr. Herman Straecker, a sculptor and entomologist of world-wide fame, died here to-day, aged sixty-five years. He was fifty years in gathering his superb collection of butterflies, which contains 200,000 specimens, the largest collection in America, and upon which he expended \$25,000.

OLATHE, Kan., Nov. 30.-William B Nichols, seventy-five years of age, who came here recently from Houston, Tex., where he was interested in oil lands, was found dead in bed to-day. He had heart

BORDENTOWN. N. J., Nov. 30 .- James W. Allen, who was postmaster here under President Harrison and who was at one time postmaster of the United States Senate, died here to-day aged seventy-six

#### MONITOR LAUNCHED.

#### The Florida Christened by Miss Nixon as It Slid Into the Water.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 .- The new monitor Florida was successfully launched to-day at the shipyard of Lewis Nixon, Elizabethport, N. J. The christening was by Miss Nixon, who is a native of Florida. The only officials present were the government inspectors and the members of the Mexican commission now here inspecting gungovernment. After the launch luncheon was served. The vessel is of 3,000 tons, and is 252 feet long. All her armor, boilers and machinery, with the exception of her engines, are in place.

### Proposed Court of Claims.

measure for the court of claims was presented to-day to the court of claims committee of the Pan-American conference at the suggestion of the Hon. John Barrett, of the United States delegation. The project provides, like its predecessors, for the appointment by each of the contracting states of three jurists of recognized authority in matters of international law to serve as members of the court, and from among their number, when a claim arises, each contending party shall appoint one and the two parties together shall by common accord appoint a third, who is to preside over the court, which will adjudicate the claim. The members of the court must not be citizens of the contending states.

Stockyards Bank Deficit. ST. LOUIS. Nov. 30,-C. G. Knox, president of the Stockyards Bank at East St. Louis, stated to-day that he was satisfied from the checking up of the bank's books, as far as the process had gone, that the discrepancy in the accounts of Theodore Luddleston, jr., the assistant cashier. would come within \$12,000. Mr. Knox said it would rest with the surety company on Duddleston's bond what proceedings against

### Charred Remains of a Witness.

him should be begun.

OXFORD. Miss., Nov. 30 .- News was received here this morning from Delay, Miss., of the finding of the charred remains of a man about a mile from the home of Will Mathis, the alleged murderer of the two deputy United States marshals. The remains are supposed to be those of Alf Nearing, a negro witness against Mathis in the Federal Court. Mathis will be tried by

### Chicago Assessments Confirmed.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 30 .- The end of the celebrated Chicago teachers' mandamus case against the State Board of Equalization came in the Sangamon Circuit Court to-day when Judge Creighton, in the absence of Judge Thompson, but at the latter's request, entered an order approving the action of the State Board of Equalization in making assessments of twenty-two Chicago corporations named in the writ of mandamus.

### Negro Probably Lynched.

COLUMBUS, Miss., Nov. 30.-The negro murderer of Marshal Dismukes, of Artesia, was caught to-day, hiding in the swamp on the bank of the Tombigbee river. He was held to await the arrival of all of the posse. Telephone and telegraph messages were sent to surrounding towns notifying friends and relatives of the deceased where to gather and it is thought here that the negro certainly has been lynched.

### Convicted of Poisoning Her Children.

ITHACA, Mich., Nov. 30.-Mrs. Elmer Quimby was to-day found guilty of murdering her two children by administering poison, and sentenced to life imprison ment. The woman and her husband planned to rid themselves of the children and poisoned them both. The husband was last week convicted and sentenced to life im-

### Return of Horsemen.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.-The Atlantic transport liner Minneapolis, from London, arrived off Fire island this evening. She has on board E. Wishard and John Huggins, trainer for W. C. Whitney, and J. Mackey, who has bought in Great Britain a large number of horses for J. P. Haggins's California and Kentucky stud farms,

#### Had a Fortune on His Person. ESTHERVILLE, Ia., Nov. 30 .- Henry

Bouck, a wealthy bachelor farmer, com-

mitted suicide at Gruver, Ia., to-day by

hanging himself. Twelve thousand dol-

lars in bank drafts and \$55 in money were found on the body. It is estimated that Bouck was worth over \$100,000. No cause is known for the deed Do Not Hesitate. Now is the time to select your Xmas jewelry. While our stock is fresh and the

edge. J. P. MULLALLY, Diamonds and

RECAPTRUE OF COLON IS DISAS-TROUS TO THEIR CAUSE.

Gen. Alban Regarded at Panama as a Hero and Possible Candidate for the Presidency.

COLON, Nov. 30 .- The town is full of troops from Barranquilla. Over seven hundred soldiers landed from the gunboat General Pinzon last night. These belonged in the interior of Colombia, and are fine, ablebodied men and veteran troops, having taken part in many previous engagements. Among them are a few of the female relatives of the soldiers. General Alban returned to Panama yesterday afternoon.

On Thursday, by cutting a passage through the woods, unknown to Colonel Barrera, who occupied a small hill at Buena Vista, a detachment of the government forces attacked Barrera's troops in the rear. A cross fire in both front and rear resulted in disaster to the attacked and the ultimate surrender of the town. The government lost, in the Buena Vista engagement, Captains Damian and Pinosa and several other officers.

From Panama comes the news that the surrender of Colon to the government struck the Liberals like a thunderbolt, and was severely wounded and carried the bulthat they are still unable to realize the fact that the city is again in the hands of the elected Superior Court judge. He was a federal authorities. General Alban's Colon triumph, without the aid of troops from the gunboat General Pinzon, is regarded as an achievement that may possibly lead him to the highest honors in the service of the republic. He was welcomed at the railway station last night by a large crowd. He went from the station to the barracks under escort of a torch-light procession, headed by a band. Along the line of march many "vivas" were heard, and there was much firing of squibs. The retaurants were open until 10 o'clock in the evening for the first time in many months.

The recapture of Colon is admitted to be almost a death blow to the Liberal cause than anything else." Strange though it may made. Some men have a natural aptitude in this department. There is no doubt that seem, there has been from time immemori- for it; many no amount of training nor guerilla warfare will be resumed in the mountains, but stronger forces and better of a majority of our officers, who, for some organizations are considered essential requisites for the Liberals if they intend to | obscure reason, long considered it incomresume the struggle seriously. patible with the other attributes of a sea-Both Panama and Colon are quiet. Trains man. I vividly remember, as the gunnery on the railroad still carry armed American guards and are running on time. The German man-of-war Stein arrived at

Colon last night. The steamer Sunrise, belonging to the United States Fruit Company, was wrecked it Bocas del Terro in the rough weather Thursday night. The troops from the General Pinzon have been taken by train to various points along the line of the railroad, where many Liberals still remain, for the protection of

#### The government censorship has been re-

A German's Murderer Arrested. TRINIDAD, B. W. I., Nov. 30.-Through the rearrest of the alleged murderer of a eading German trader at Caracas, whose

and obtained by President Castro, one has disappeared. The prisoner, it is announced, will be compelled to undergo a

## CITY HALL BURNED.

#### Denver Suffers Loss of Many Important Records-City Employe Hurt.

DENVER, Col., Nov. 30 .- A fire which started on the fourth floor of the Denver City Hall at 6:30 o'clock this evening, practically gutted the building, destroying much property and probably a large amount of valuable records. The origin of boats that are being built for the Mexican | the fire is not absolutely known, but it is supposed to have been defective electric wiring. The building contained all the city offices except that of the police department and included the central fire station and the city jail. It was of stone, six stories in height. It cost nearly half a million dollars, but it was built in 1880, and had much depreciated in value. It was insured for

> ver and the county of Arapahoe is to be | constantly firing at marks, the British seavoted on at the next general election, it is believed the City Hall will not be rebuilt. Only one man is known to have been in Charles Stoll, an employe of the city engineer's office, while trying to save some of the records of the office, was seriously hurt by the falling of the roof.

### Rochester Stores Scorched.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 1 .- A fire which started in the heart of the business section of the city about midnight damaged stock | crude appliances for projecting shot. They | this last step, either at the bottom or the and the loss on the building was \$20,000. the old fleets sometimes engaging each The large department store of Burke, Fitzsimmons, Hone & Co. also was damaged. but the loss is not known. Some extensive | vance has been made in naval artillery durdamage was done by smoke to F. L. Mc- ing the last twenty years, it is astonishing Farland's stock of clothing. The losses are to think the old ordnance remained with covered by insurance. Seven firemen were us up to 1860. Then came a period of inovercome and removed to the hospitals. Two of them are in a serious condition.

### Concentrator Burned.

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 30 .- Fire to-day destroyed the Peck-Montana concentrator near this city, entailing a loss of \$160,000. The insurance is \$70,000. The plant will be

### MISS STONE WELL TREATED.

ever, of Her Release. NEW YORK, Nov. 30 .- In answer to a cabled message of inquiry sent by the Christian Herald to President Washburne, of Robert College, Constantinople, concerning Miss Stone, the following reply was received to-day: "Stone negotiations suspended. No immediate prospect of release.

Satisfactory evidence she has been well treated." This is taken by the paper to show that the reports that Miss Stone has been murdered by the brigands are un-Death Rumor Discredited. BOSTON, Nov. 30 .- The Rev. Judson Smith, D. D., secretary of the American board of foreign missions, received from the State Department at Washington today a telegram stating that the recent ru-

#### before now. It is decidedly a case of which in former carriages, and allow the gun to no news is good news." BELATED TRANSPORT ARRIVES.

mor of Miss Stone's death is absolutely un-

confirmed. "I think that if there were any

truth in it," said Dr. Smith, "I would have

had a cable dispatch from our missionaries

The Buford at New York, with Part of

the Twenty-Third Infantry. NEW YORK, Dec. 1.-The overdue ferent ships, and a large percentage of United States army transport Buford, from Manila Oct. 1 via Singapore, Colombo and Gibraltar, early this morning arrived here. She has on board two battalions of the Twenty-third Infantry.

### CHARMING OLD CHARLESTON.

#### Southern City Where Winter Exposition Is to Be Held.

Charleston belongs to the best type of Bardeur, on the China station, has so imold colonial cities of the United States, proved the shooting of her four 10-inch Settled in 1670 it was moved to its present | guns since she was commissioned as to give site in 1672, and lies on the narrow neck of a result with them six times better than land between the Ashley and the Cooper | that achieved in 1899. On that station the rivers, very much as New York lies be- admirals and officers have presented a tween the East and North rivers. It con- challenge shield to be held each year by tains some fine specimens of old colonial the ship making the best score at the anarchitecture and is a city of sunshine and | nual prize firing. A certain amount in monroses, being famous for its bright and ey is given in prizes by the Admiralty to genial winter climate and for its rose gar- | every ship for the guns which make the lens. It is a city of safe, conservative best scores at the annual prize firing, but business methods; its prosperity is real and | there is no distinction made between a substantial, but its inhabitants, while emi- good ship and an indifferent one in the ag-

nently social and hospitable in tempera- gregate result. More money prizes are not ment, are not given to display. Some of required, but honorary distinction to ships its institutions and customs are survivals of officers and men that excel in great gun an old-world past and full of interest and | shooting would be appreciated. A blue jack charm to the lover of the olden time. On | et is as proud of a badge as an officer is o the Ashley and the Cooper are the old a C. B., but he carries nothing to show baronial estates of the wealthy rice plant- that he is a marksman with a 4.7-inch. ers and slave owners who once constituted | inch or 12-inch gun. What issues depend the aristocratic class of South Carolina. upon directing with precision in action th Many of these fertile old plantations have | 850-pound projectiles from the 12-inch guns been abandoned because of new conditions, of the Majestic! The individuals who waste but many are still occupied by families that I the fewest of these shots should be held i have owned them for two centuries, and | honor and cherished. Then, as regards the within these homes, if one can gain admis- officers by whose assiduity and zeal such sion there, may be seen such wonderful good results are obtained. What a stimulus antique furniture, old portraits and minia. to improved shooting would the occasional tures and other relics of colonial days as promotion of an officer for efficient gunwould delight the heart of the collector. nery in sea-going ships give. Is not too The harbor of Charleston is one of the much thought, even now, of "decorating most spacious and beautiful on the Atlantic | the ship," as Roosevelt says of 1812? I can coast. With thirty feet of water on the | recall to mind, not so many years ago, how bar, and an open port all the year round, the promotion of one of the ablest officers and with its nearness to our new market in the service was imperiled because he in the West Indies, Charleston is destined | neglected the paint work in his labor to into hold a commanding position among Atcrease fighting efficiency. lantic commercial ports in the twentieth

TRAINING IN MARKSMANSHIP. How many admirals, when inspecting ships, reported favorably on their capability for engaging an enemy successfully, owing to good shocting-a matter quite apart from smart handling of the guns with dummy charges? Has it not been the custom rather to commend for less essential things in which spotless paint work and stanchions burnished to the brightest of mirrors assume no unimportant part? Training of some sort goes on every day afloat, but how much of it is directed toward straight shooting with the guns? Yet this is a matter upon which too much time and care cannot be bestowed. Quickness and accuracy of aim are the first essentials, and though impeded by the mo tion of the ship, they can be greatly developed by good methods and continuous practice. It is not necessary to expend a large amount of ammunition to make marksmen with heavy guns. Capt. Percy Scott has demonstrated in the ships commanded by him that a high standard can be attained without exceeding the allowance prescribed for the fleet. He has devised an apparatus to train men in keeping the sights of a gun on the object, independent of any rolling motion the ship may rate in our own navy. I therefore read have at the time, instead of waiting until with satisfaction, though tinged with | the roll brings the object in line with the sights, as has hitherto been the practice with heavy guns. Thus time is saved and quick firing is secured, as well as rapid reau at Washington: "The question of good | loading, with ordnance that cannot be given vertical movement by a shoulder-piece, while it also tends to greater precision

with the smaller guns. The first thing in training, however, is to find out who are most likely to make good shots. These are usually born, not ractice will render otherwise than indifferent in this respect. It is waste of time and such men should not be allowed to fire precious rounds at a target, thereby reducing the amount available for those who would really benefit by it. To ascertain who licutenant of a ship, the astonishment of | have this aptitude is easy, and does not require the expenditure of much ammunition. It may be found where least suspected, but none the less all should pass through the test. Then, again, it is not unusual for a man to shoot well for two or three rounds, and then fall off lamentably, which apparently tires. When ascertained not a reliable shot. In the German artillery every gunner passes through this test, and to the Mediterranean fleet by Sir John thus the best marksmen are secured. They Jervis, afterward Lord St. Vincent, when | do not fire many practice rounds-cannot afford it, they say, and not necessary-yet we may be sure their artillery is efficient. s used the greatest successes were found | Whether our navy compares favorably or on the side of the best gunners; and also | unfavorably in great gun efficiency with foreign fleets I do not know. To ascertain most important-namely, the military drills | this with accuracy would require presence -appeared to him to be the most neg- with each on more than one occasion when lected. It is of the first importance that our | practice is carried out. I do trust, however, crews should be perfect in the use of their | that nothing will be left undone to insure cause of the difficulties existing between | guns. I therefore wish that every day, | the best results being obtained from the the German and Venezuelan governments | whether in harbor or at sea, a general or | admirable guns now furnished to our ships partial exercise should take place on board | when the real thing comes, and that the every ship in the squadron." Under this | nation may not look in vain for the sucstrict and vigilant supervision the gunnery | cess it anticipates.

#### THE FIRST AND LAST STEP.

## even closer distance, minute accuracy of Difficult Thing to Figure on in Total

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"Men are pretty good guessers as a rule," said an observant citizen yesterday, "but I would like to see the color of the man's hair who can guess the last step either at the bottom or at the top of the stairway when the light is out. It is a curious fact that the average man will miss it at least two steps, and no man can come any closer than the next to the last step at the top or the bottom. And that awful feeling of uncertainty which one has in a dark hallway, when climbing up or down the stairway! One feels as if one were about to step off the earth. One may hold on to the banisters with one hand and reach out for the wall with the other, and one may not be reeling and yet one will have that awful feeling of dread, a sort of harrowing fear that one will step up a step or two above the top step, or a step or two below the last step at a fellow begins to figure on the position of the last step, and he seems to think there is great danger of his not stopping, and as it were, and when he starts down he seems to be fearful of walking through the hall floor. Now, there are two things in life about which there can be no question, namely: Going up a flight of steps one can go no higher than the top step, unless a wall is scaled, and the law of gravity defied. Secondly, going down stairs one cannot get into the cellar without tearing up the floor or walking around the house. Still, gave frightfully inaccurate shooting at any top, is a perfect nightmare to the fellow range over 400 yards, which accounts for | who goes home late at night, and he never guesses less than twice when he tries to find it with his foot,"

### G. A. R. Division Inspectors.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 30,-Commander Ell Torrence, of the Grand Army of the vention and experiment. Rifled guns, iron | Republic, has announced a list of appointcarriages and improved powder all helped | ments as division inspectors, the names to give increased accuracy. In 1864 France | having been recommended by Inspector adopted breech-loading. We in the same General Wilford A. Wetherbee, of Boston, year rejected that system and returned to | Mass. Among the inspectors named are: a muzzle-loader. The decision hampered us Illinois-R. I. Law, Galesburg. for years, and does so still as regards many Indiana-W. D. McCulloch, Brazil. Ohio-John F. Hudson, Millsburg.

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and improved powder warranted. Our ordnance varied in length from 12 to 15 calibres, the shortest being the 12-inch 25-ton gun, which was 12 calibres long, while the

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